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SUBJECT: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ELF AND PLF

1. DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 9 JAN ELF PAMPHLET WAS
DISCOVERED UNDER GATE OF CONGEN COMPOUND BY NIGHT GUARD.
THE THREE-PAGE TIGRINYA-LANGUAGE DOCUMENT WAS DATED 28 DEC 74.
THE DOCUMENT DISCUSSED TERMS OF ELF/PLF RECONCILIATION.
THE DOCUMENT INCLUDED A CHARACTER ATTACK BY ELF ON ISSAYAS
AFEWORKI, PLF FIELD COMMANDER, FOR ALLEGEDLY BEING SUPPORTED
BY THE IEG AND USG.

2. SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS. RECONCILIATION IS A GENERAL
TERM WHICH SHOULD IN ANY FORM BE SUPPORTED. BUT RECONCILIATION
CAN BE ACHIEVED IN TWO WAYS: (A) REMAINING AS TWO SEPARATE
MOVEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING CEASEFIRE AMONG THEM IS ONE FORM
OF PROVISIONAL MILITARY RECONCILIATION. (B) REMOVING THE CAUSES
OF CONFLICT, ESTABLISHING CEASEFIRE, UNITING UNDER ONE FRONT,
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GUIDED BY ONE POLITICAL LINE AND LEADERSHIP FOR ATTAINING VICTORY

IS THE TRUE RECONCILIATION, ACCEPTABLE TO ELF.

ELF SUPPORTS RECONCILIATION ONLY IF IT LEADS TOWARDS MAKING ONE MOVEMENT WITH ONE LEADERSHIP, PROGRAM, AND STRATEGY. ELF HAD A POPULAR AND DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN WHICH IT ELECTED ITS LEADERSHIP AND PASSED RESOLUTION TO FIGHT AGAINST ETHIOPIA, IMPERIALISTS, ZIONISTS, FOREIGN CAPITALISTS, AND SELF-SEEKING ERITREAN BUREAUCRATS. THIS HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN TO THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA AND THE WORLD.

RECONCILIATION AMONG ELF AND EPLF (READ PLF) COULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE IF EPLF BELIEVE IN THE CONCEPT OF ONE MOVEMENT, GOVERNED BY ONE PROGRAM, STRATEGY, AND LEADERSHIP AND DECLARE THAT THEY WILL FIGHT AGAINST THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ENEMIES OF ERITREA. ANY MOVEMENT WHICH REJECTS THESE IMPORTANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RECONCILIATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ONE NEGLIGENT OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA AND WANTING TO PLAY WITH THEIR FUTURE AND LIVES.

3. COMMENT: CONFLICT BETWEEN ELF AND PLF, WHICH CENTERS LARGELY ON DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HURUI TEDLA BAIRU (ELF) AND ISSAYAS AFEWORKI (PLF) CONTINUES TO SIMMER. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF FIGHTING WITHIN PLF IN RECENT DAYS. SOME SOURCES BELIEVE PLF IS INFILTRATED BY ETHIOPIAN GOVT AGENTS TO CAUSE DISSENSION.
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